(c) It has been ensured that the consignment of dairy products received by the erstwhile Indian Dairy Corporation after Chernobyl accident are free from harmful levels of radio activity.

Drinking Water Shortage in Gujarat

2945. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of drinking water in some parts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, what assistance has been given in order to overcome the proposed crisis;

(c) which areas of Gujarat are at present affected by scarcity of drinking water;

(d) what are the short and long-term programmes made for the same; and

(e) how much amount in cash and kind has been given during 1st January, 1987 to 30th October, 1987 and whether the assistance will also be given in 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has approved as part of drought relief assistance, ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 8 crores for Rural areas and Rs. 17.00 crores for urban centres so far for tackling the drinking water crisis during the current drought situation. In addition, assistance of Rs. 1.66 crores has been given for purchase of rigs and other equipments. Additional Assistance is under consideration.

The State Government has also been advised to re-priorities the normal plan programmes to combat the drinking water problems in drought affected areas. For this purpose, the entire allocation of Rs. 14.20 crores for 1987-88 under ARWSP has already been released in relaxation of the prescribed conditions A sum of Rs. 1.29 crores has also been approved for drinking water facilities for areas covered by Desert Development Programme (DDP).

(c) Some areas of the districts shown in the enclosed statement-I are affected by the scarcity of drinking water. (*See* below).

(d) Statement-II giving the short and long term progress in order to combat the drinking water crisis is enclosed. (*See* below).

(e) During the period from 1.1 87 to 30 10 87, the Government of India have approved a total ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 32 91 crores to be incurred upto March, 1988, in connection with relief of distress caused by drought in drinking water sector Additional ceiling of expenditure for the period upto July, 1988, are under active consideration. No indication can be given now for assistance beyond July, 1988 as this will depend upon the occurrence of drought.

For ARWSP, an assistance of Rs. 10 08 crores has been given during the period 1st January, 1987 to 30th October, 1987.

Statement-I

Districts affected by scarcty of drinkingL water

S No	*Name of District*
1.	Rajkot
2.	Kachchh
3.	Bhavnagar
4.	Amreli
5.	Surendranagar
6.	Junagadh
7.	Jamnagar
8.	Banaskantha

S. No.	Name of District
9.	Sabarkantha
10.	Kheda
11.	Vadodara
12.	Panchmahals
13.	Bharuch
14.	Ahmedabad
15.	Gandhinagar
16.	Mehsana

Statement

1 *Short term programme*:

(i) Deepening of wells.

(ii) Supply of water by tanker, HDP tanks mounted on trucks, bullockcarts etc. wherever other solutions are not possible.

(iii) Reduction of evaporation losses of water from surface reservoirs through use of cetyl alcohol.

2. *Medium term and long term programmes*:

(i) Target alternative or additional groundwater sources through satellite imageries, geophysical surveys.

(ii) Organise teams of Geologists and Geophysicists to fix locations on basis of thematic Maps and ground truth survey to cut down the failure rate.

(iii) Drilling of deep tubewells.

(iv) Sustained water supply by rejuvenation and augmentation of the existing water supply schemes.

(v) Resort to schemes like reverse osmosis under difficult conditions.

(vi) To prepare rigs mobilisatoi plan for better performance.

Proposal for New Scheme to Stabilise Milk Production

2946. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any scheme like 'Own your milk animal' scheme in the country so as to benefit small and marginal farmers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to launch a separate scheme like 'Own your milk animal' scheme. However, there are a number of programmes through which farmers including small and marginal are encouraged to own and raise dairy animals and thereby benefit themselves.

Refinance assistance is given by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) with credit facilities from cooperative/commercial/regional rural banks for schemes for purchase of milch animals. Subsidy for purchase of animals is also available under Integrated Rural Development Programme. Subsidy for rearing of cross-bred heifers is available under the Centrally-sponsored scheme 'Special Livestock Breeding Programme'.

Encouragement to Agro-based Industries

2947 SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a number of steps to encourage agro-based industries in Gujarat and in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken in the matter;